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Reports from Chihuahua, delayed several days in transmission, relate a distressing state of affairs in that city. Owing to the closing down of some industrial establishments and the running on short time of others, on account of shortage of coal, many people have been thrown out of employment and are facing starvation.

Two Fights With Rebels.
Mexico City, March 12.—After having cut the telegraph wires and torn up enough of the railroad to stop communication between Torreon and Durango, the band of rebels was engaged in battle yesterday by a force of 100 Federals, according to dispatches received here today. The first engagement took place at El Corral, a hacienda near Saltillo. A number of Federals were killed before the rebels were forced to retreat, leaving a sixty dead on the field. It is reported that among these were six Americans.

Drastic Campaign Planned.
Mexico City, March 12.—That the determination of the Diaz government to take itself out of the picture, and the Constitution permitting the withdrawal of all certain personal guarantees is the first step in a more vigorous and drastic campaign to be waged against the rebels in all circles of the society today. The element of sympathy with the cause of Madero and his followers pretended not to be alarmed by this action of the government, but these loyalists, who have faith in General Diaz to restore order, believe that it will prove most efficacious.

Since the measure proposed that these cables in the act of destroying the telegraph wires and lines for the transmission of electrical energy, highway and railway, under certain conditions of raiding haciendas and shooting without trial, it is expected that it will have a deterrent effect not only on the rebels, but also on the loyalists, who have taken advantage of the disturbed conditions, but on the rebels themselves.

Cruiser Des Moines Sails.
Boston, Mass., March 12.—With well-stocked magazines for the naval maneuvers in the Gulf of Mexico, the cruiser Des Moines sailed from the Charleston Navy Yard today, headed for Key West. There still remain at the yard the torpedo boat destroyer, which was ordered to sail yesterday, and the supply ship, which will probably leave to-morrow.

Will Be Loaded at Norfolk.
Philadelphia, Pa., March 12.—The United States torpedo boat, Burrows, which was ordered to sail yesterday in response to orders received from the navy department, sailed today from the Philadelphia navy yard, bound for Norfolk. The destination is said to be Vera Cruz.

Workers at Cramps shipyard were today putting the finishing touches on the torpedo boat, which is expected to arrive at the navy yard to-morrow. The new boat is being built in the gunboat Montgomery, and that vessel also expected to be ready for sea within a few days.

Ship Supplies to Texas.
Jeffersonville, Ind., March 12.—For the first time in the Spanish-American War, employees at the army supply depot here worked on Sunday. They were busy shipping supplies to Texas, where United States troops are being mobilized.

NEEDN'T KEEP WIFE'S FOLKS

Pittsburg Judge Utters Maxims for Married Men.
Pittsburg, March 12.—If a man takes care of his wife and children he is doing all that is required of him, and he need not keep his wife's folks.

"A man does not have to keep his wife's relations," said the judge. "Men learn by experience that there is no use quarreling with a woman."

"Never reply to the taunts of an angry woman," said the judge, "and do not begrudge her the last word, for she will have it anyway."

These five maxims were uttered by Common Pleas Judge John D. Shafer in bringing to a close the case of Robert Fairfax in his desertion hearings yesterday. He refused to consider the case of the Fairfax family a hopeless one, and advised the husband to go home and try it again, meanwhile advising him that temporary flight was the only resource left to him against his wife's relatives. Fairfax was told that she must not try to force her husband to contribute to the support of more than the immediate family.

"And now I hope to see the home circle reunited," added the judge. Fairfax was released on probation.

STREET DUEL IN NEWPORT

Kidwell Between Instantly Killed and John Pritchett Fatally Wounded.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 12.—Kidwell, son of W. J. McSwain, a prominent lawyer of Newport, was shot and instantly killed today in a street duel at Newport, with John Pritchett, Pritchett was seriously wounded and may die. The tragedy resulted from the meeting of Pritchett and Miss Emma McSwain, sister of the dead man in Knoxville. Pritchett was even had run away from a school at Nazareth, Ky., to which place her father had been sent.

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father sent her some months ago, in order to break up the affair between Pritchett and Miss McSwain. After she left Nazareth, Miss McSwain came to the home of a relative in Knoxville, and the report reached Newport that the young couple had been married. Then this was denied, and when Pritchett and Miss McSwain arrived in Newport on the same train today, the tragedy followed.

VERBOUT HAS ARRIVED AND READY FOR PRACTICE

Johnny Verbout got in all right last night. Accompanying him was his wife. He is just as smiling and just as confident as he ever was, and is anxious like the rest for the season to begin. He looks for some good baseball this summer. While he has done no hard work, he is in the very best possible shape, and stated that he was ready to step in the box today and pitch baseball. If his plans hold, he will be out at the lot today with the rest of the bunch, waiting for a little and doing a few laps around the diamond.

Verbout looks good. From a physical standpoint, he appears as fit as a sailor. If he is able to show the form which he did last season he will be one of the stars of the league this season. At least that is what Manager Sullivan expects of him. But he's nervous, and the fans can judge for themselves.

CONFERENCE ENDS

Uniform Child Labor Laws Urged at Annual Session.
Birmingham, Ala., March 12.—The seventh annual session of the National Child Labor Conference was ended this afternoon with a meeting at which the principal speakers were Dr. Felix Adler, of New York, and Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago.

The work of the conference, in which Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and other men and women of national prominence assisted, was directed mainly toward securing uniform child labor laws. A uniform plan was proposed also for prohibiting child labor on the stage.

Auto Kills Dog.

Under the eyes of a large crowd, composed mostly of women and children, at William Byrd Park yesterday, an automobile ran over and killed a fox terrier as he attempted to run across the drive. Several people ran out to the writhing little animal, and some one stretched it out on the grass, but its life had been crushed.

"The motor car," said an eyewitness, "contained several children, and its driver seemed to be but a boy. He glanced around once, smiled, and without slackening his speed drove on to the park. Some one telephoned to the S. P. C. Association, but they said they were powerless to act."

Dr. Melody Will Be Orator.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., March 12.—Rev. J. W. Melody, D. D., of the Catholic University of America, will be the principal orator at the St. Patrick's Day celebration, which will be held Friday evening next, at Young Men's Gymnasium Hall, under the auspices of Alexandria Division, No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians.

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The fight between former Congressman Ryan, of New York, a strong Tammany man, and U. S. Jackson, of Indiana, over the position of sergeant-at-arm has brought about an interesting though serious situation, from a Democratic standpoint.

Promised to Southerners.

Whether Jackson or Ryan gets the place just mentioned, practically all of the other good places have already been promised to Southerners.

Former Congressman South Trimble will get the position of clerk, with a salary of \$5,000 attached. There was opposition to him at first, mainly from Representative Livingston, of Georgia, who has just retired.

A Virginian, Joseph J. Shinnott, will fill the place of doorkeeper, unless he is defeated by Ryan. A time-tested congressman, Ryan is now and then the Democrats' caucus on April 3. However, as there is no other candidate for the place, it is almost certain that Shinnott will land.

Another Virginian, W. H. Dunbar, will get the position of postmaster of the House, another juicy place, with good salary, with it. Early in the fall—in fact, just as soon as it was seen that the Democrats had secured control of the House—Mr. Dunbar began to lay his plans to secure the place, and there is every indication now that he will be successful.

The first committee clerkship to be given out went to a South Carolinian—that on Ways and Means—to Daniel Cooper. The place pays \$3,000 a year, and affords an excellent opportunity of keeping in touch with the great questions surrounding the tariff and other revenue-producing measures.

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